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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: U.S. ASSISTANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN
MEXICAN POPPY ERADICATION PROGRAM

1. PURSUANT TO A CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST, THE GAO HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT AND DEA OF ITS PLANS TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE U.S. ASSISTANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE MEXICAN POPPY ERADICATION PROGRAM. ADDITIONALLY, THE GAO INTENDS FOLLOW UP ON AREAS DISCUSSED AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN PRIOR REPORT "EFFORTS TO STOP NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS COMING FROM AND THROUGH MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA" DATED DECEMBER 31, 1974.

2. DURING EARLY APRIL, GAO REPS MET WITH COGNIZANT
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DEPARTMENT AND DEA OFFICIALS, AND NOW PLAN VISIT EMBASSY

O/A MAY 17, APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS. NAMES, SECURITY CLEARANCES AND ACTUAL ARRIVAL DATES GAO AUDITORS WILL BE FURNISHED EMBASSY NEXT DAYS BY DIRECTOR GAO LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH (PANAMA).

3. DEPARTMENT WISHES BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH GAO ON SUBJECT REVIEW WITHIN PROVISIONS 4 FAM 930-934. GAO AWARE THAT ANY CONTACTS OUTSIDE OF USG OFFICIAL COMMUNITY ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR AND TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY

EMBASSY. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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